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SUMMARY: THREE RADICAL JAPANESE YOUTH BELIEVED TO BELONG TO THE MARUSEIDO (MARXIST YOUTH LEAGUE) STORMED INTO THE CONSULATE BUILDING IN FUKUOKA AT 0950 NOVEMBER 22. ONE BURNED CONSULATE FLAG WHILE OTHER TWO OCCUPIED PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S OFFICE FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES. DAMAGE TO OFFICE WAS FAIRLY EXTENSIVE, BUT THERE WERE ONLY

MINOR INJURIES. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME SHORTCOMINGS IN AMCONSULATE'S

SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, WE FEEL NOTHING COULD HAVE PREVENTED THAT

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PARTICULAR ATTACK. POLICE HAVE STATIONED TWO PLAINCLOTHESMEN INSIDE CONSULATE UNTIL BOTH THEY AND EMBASSY SATISFIED CONSULATE IN NO FURTHER DANGER. END SUMMARY

AT 0950 LOCAL TIME NOVEMBER 22 THREE JAPANESE RADICALS BELIEVED TO BELONG TO MARUSEIDO (MARXIST YOUTH LEAGUE, SAME ORGANIZATION APPARENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FIREBOMB ATTACKS ON U.S. AND SOVIET EMBASSIES IN TOKYO NOVEMBER 14) RAN INTO CONSULATE GARDEN. ALL WORE RED HELMETS AND COVERED FACES WITH WHITE TOWELS.

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THESE COSTUMES, BASEBALL BATS, BANNERS, AND MOLOTOV COCKTAILS

APPARENTLY BROUGHT TO OFFICE BUILDING NEAR CONSULATE IN GOLF AND BOWLING BAGS. ALTHOUGH NONE OF THREE LOCAL RESIDENTS, THEY ALL APPARENTLY KNEW EXACTLY WHERE TARGETS WERE. ONE RADICAL THREW FIREBOMB

NEAR MAIN GATE OF CONSULATE. THIS DID NOT EXPLODE. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO FLAGPOLE, LOWERED FLAG, AND BURNED IT WITH ANOTHER FIRE BOMB. UNTIL HIS ARREST AT ABOUT 0957, HE PASSED TIME BREAKING FIVE WINDOWS AND THROWING LAST FIRE BOMB THROUGH WINDOW OF COMMERCIAL LIBRARY, WHERE IT BURNED CHAIR. OTHER TWO RADICALS RAN TO PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S OFFICE ON SECOND FLOOR AND ENTERED THROUGH MAIN DOOR. FIRST ENTERED, YELLED "OUT, OUT" IN ENGLISH, AND SWUNG AT PRINCIPAL OFFICER WITH METAL BASEBALL BAT,

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WHICH STRUCK PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S HAND, CAUSING LIGHT BRUISE. AS PRINCIPAL OFFICER RAN FOR SECONDARY DOOR WHICH OPENS INTO HALL, OTHER RADICAL GRAZED HIM ON BACK WITH ANOTHER BASEBALL BAT, AGAIN CAUSING ONLY SLIGHT BRUISE. PRINCIPAL OFFICER, WHO WAS ONLY AMERICAN PRESENT AT TIME, FELT BOMB EXPLOSION POSSIBLY IMMINENT, AND EVACUATED CONSULATE STAFF AND TWO AMERICAN CONSULAR CUSTOMERS TO SMALL HOUSE ADJACENT TO CONSULATE. PRINCIPAL OFFICER THEN PROCEEDED TO MAIN GATE, WHERE FIRST RADICAL HAD BEEN ARRESTED, AND TORE DOWN BANNER DENOUNCING PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO REPUBLIC OF KOREA OTHER RADICALS HAD HUNG FROM PO OFFICE WINDOW. POLICE REFUSED PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S REQUEST THAT THEY ASSIST IN RE-ENTERING OFFICE, SO PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE (WHO HAS FIFTH DEGREE BLACK BELT IN AIKIDO) ATTEMPTED TO RE-ENTER OFFICE. ALTHOUGH ONE OF TWO BASEBALL BATS WAS TAKEN FROM RADICALS, THEY HAD STARTED TO BARRICADE DOOR AND USED REMAINING BAT VERY EFFECTIVELY TO PREVENT RE-ENTRY. SHORTLY AFTER THIS (ABOUT 1000) THEY FINISHED BREAKING ALL BUT ONE OF WINDOWS AND IGNITED ONE FIREBOMB IN OFFICE, AIMING IT FOR PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S FOREIGN MINISTRY

EXEQUATUR AND DEPARTMENT CONSULAR COMMISSION. TWO ALSO THREW ANOTHER FIRE BOMB FROM OFFICE WINDOW. FIRST FIRE BOMB CAUSED CONSIDERABLE

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SMALL DAMAGE AND DESTROYED SOFA. OTHER DAMAGE INCLUDED BURNED PANELING, IBM ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER, TWO TELEPHONES IN OFFICE, TELEVISION

AND RADIO, ALL DESTROYED. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL POSSESSIONS WERE DESTROYED. FOUR POLICEMEN WERE SLIGHTLY HURT BREAKING INTO OFFIC

AND JAPANESE EMPLOYEE SUFFERED CUT FINGER RINGING FIRE ALARM. ALTHOUGH

RADICALS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN FORTHCOMING IN STATEMENTS TO POLICE, CHANCES SEEM GOOD THAT ATTACK ON CONSULATE WAS TO VENT FRUSTRATION TIGHT SECURITY AROUND PRESIDENT FORD HAD CAUSED AND PROTEST VISIT TO JAPAN AND ROK.

ENTIRE CONSULATE STAFF SPENT SATURDAY CLEANING UP MESS, AND REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS BEGUN MONDAY. JAPANESE COMPANIES CONTRACTING WORK HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL AND EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN MANY AND SINCERE. PUNISHMENT FOR RADICALS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE SEVERE, UNLESS EMBASSY FORMALLY PROTESTS BURNING OF FLAG, WHICH AMCONSUL FUKUOKA, RECOMMENDS WE DO.

AMCONSULATE FUKUOKA, FEELS THAT NO SECURITY MEASURE THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TAKEN BEFORE ATTACK COULD HAVE REASONABLY BEEN EXPECTED TO HAVE PREVENTED IT. CAR WITH 3-4 PLAIN-CLOTHES POLICEMEN HAD BEEN PARKED ACROSS STREET DURING

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WORKING HOURS SINCE PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT DECIDED, BUT EVEN THIS WAS INEFFECTIVE IN STOPPING ATTACK. IN PARTICULAR, GUARD SITTING HIMSELF WOULD HAVE PROBABLY BEEN ATTACKED WITH BASEBALL BATS. OTHER SECURITY WEAKNESSES (WHICH WE ARE CORRECTING) WERE THAT ALARM SYSTEM, WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE ACTIVATED BY TELEPHONE OPERATOR, DID NOT WORK. ALTHOUGH FIRE PREVENTION SURVEY HAD BEEN COMPLETED PREVIOUS WEEK BY FIRE DEPARTMENT, CONSULATE HAD NOT YET HAD CHANCE TO TAKE ACTION, AND SO HAD FEWER FIRE EXTINGUISHERS THAN WE SHOULD HAVE. ALSO, THESE WERE NOT IN BEST LOCATIONS. FINALLY, LOCKS ON MOST OFFICES, PARTICULARLY PRINCIPAL'S OFFICER'S, ARE PUSH-BUTTON TYPE AND ONLY WORK FROM ONE SIDE. IF LOCKED FROM INSIDE, AS THEY FINALLY WERE, DOOR CAN ONLY BE OPENED FORCEFULLY. WE HAVE ALREADY CORRECTED THESE WEAK SPOTS OR THEY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE IN PROCESS OF BEING CORRECTED. TWO PLAIN CLOTHES POLICE OFFICERS ARE NOW STATIONED INSIDE CONSULATE DURING WORKING HOURS, AND POLICE PROTECTION AT HOMES OF AMERICAN OFFICERS HAS BEEN AUGMENTED. WE CONSIDER THESE MEASURES ADEQUATE, AND WILL COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY ON ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES. RICHARDSON
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